

October 1, 1999

Dear Carrier:

In a letter dated September 16, 1999, the General Services Administration (GSA) notified you of its intent to extend current rate offers for the Southwestern Distribution Center (SWDC), Fort Worth, TX, as allowed in Section 1-5 of the Request for Offers (RFO) dated July 17, 1998. Rate offers accepted in accordance with the July 17, 1998, RFO have been extended from the original expiration date of October 31, 1999, to now expiring on November 30, 1999.

As a result of this extension, GSA is now issuing a Supplement to the SWDC RFO dated August 11, 1999, which had a rate submission due date of September 10, 1999 and an original effective date of November 1, 1999. Rates accepted under this supplement will now become effective December 1, 1999, and will expire October 31, 2000. When considering the options identified below, please remember the letter GSA distributed on August 27, 1999, in which we provided new tonnage estimates that are anticipated to be shipped from the SWDC. In addition, please pay close attention to the new transit time schedules identified in Enclosure 1 of this Supplement which deviate from the normal Standard Tender of Service (STOS) transit time requirements. Based on this new information, your firm's options are as follows:

☛ If your firm submitted a rate offer(s), either electronic or paper, in response to the August 11, 1999, RFO by the September 10, 1999, due date, your firm may complete and sign Enclosure 2 certifying that your firm wants those submitted rate offers to remain the same as submitted and become effective December 1, 1999 through October 31, 2000;

☛ Your firm may submit a new rate offer(s) for the SWDC for an effective date of December 1, 1999, through October 31, 2000. If your firm chooses this option, you will need to refer to the original RFO dated August 11, 1999, along with the changes to that RFO contained in this Supplement when creating and submitting your firm's rate offer(s); or

☛ If your firm submitted a rate offer(s), either electronic or paper, in response to the August 11, 1999, RFO by the September 10, 1999, due date, your firm can complete and sign Enclosure 3 to cancel those submitted rate offers in their entirety prior to them ever becoming effective.

For those carriers choosing to remain with rate offers submitted by the original due of September 10, 1999, and those choosing to submit new rate offers, please note that in

addition to the information contained in this Supplement that all other terms and conditions of the RFO dated August 11, 1999 (except those changed by this Supplement) still apply. If your firm submitted a rate offer(s) by the original September 10, 1999, deadline and GSA does not receive a reply from your firm to either keep these rate offers or to cancel them and your firm does not submit a new rate offer(s), those rate offers submitted by the September 10, 1999 deadline will be deleted from our database without ever becoming effective. Please note that these same rules ALSO apply to any paper rate offers filed on an OF-280 for the areas of Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, and Puerto Rico. Consequently, if your firm currently has an OF-280 on file for one of these areas for the SWDC, you must either complete one of the Enclosures or submit a supplement to the OF-280 indicating rate changes.

If your firm is a current subscriber to the ITMS CD-Rom and you choose to submit a new rate offer(s) based on this Supplement, you may use the same CD you used to file your firm's original SWDC rate offer(s).

If you have any questions regarding the SWDC traffic, please contact Martha Gresham of GSA's Southeast Zone Office at (404) 331-5121 or e-mail at martha.gresham@gsa.gov.

Sincerely,

Ed Hodges, Director
Property and Traffic Management Division (6FBD-X)
Transportation & Property Management Center

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ENCLOSURE 1

SUPPLEMENT TO THE AUGUST 11, 1999, RFO FOR THE SWDC

(Only sections with changes have been identified in this supplement. For complete terms, refer to the original RFO)

SECTION 1 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1-1. EFFECTIVE PERIOD: All acceptable rate offers submitted in response to this Request and its SFI will be for the period December 1, 1999, through October 31, 2000.

1-3. FILING PERIOD:

A. INITIAL FILINGS: Electronic rate offers must be received via I-FTP by 4:30 P.M. Central Daylight Time, October 29, 1999. Paper rate offers must be received by GSA's Southeast Zone Office at the address identified on Page 2 of the cover letter by 4:30 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, October 29, 1999. All acceptable rate offers will be processed in accordance with Paragraph 1-3.D., below.

B. REFILINGS OF ELECTRONICALLY SUBMITTED FILING DEFICIENCIES: Electronic rate filings received between October 1, 1999, and October 29, 1999, which do not meet the requirements as stated in this Request and its SFI will be considered unacceptable, rates will not be included in the data base, and the firm will be notified of the deficiencies by GSA's Central Zone Office by facsimile and/or telephone. If a firm's rate offer is submitted in accordance with this Request and its SFI by a Rate Filing Service Provider or a Tariff Publishing Agent, the Rate Filing Service Provider or the Tariff Publishing Agent will be notified of the deficiencies and not the firm. Corrected rate offers must be resubmitted within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of notification. In those instances where corrections are not received within the ten (10) calendar days after notification, rate offers will be considered unacceptable and the firm will not be allowed to refile. All corrected rate offers received within the required ten (10) calendar days will be entered into the database effective December 1, 1999.

C. REFILINGS OF PAPER SUBMITTED FILING DEFICIENCIES: Paper rate filings received between October 1, 1999, and October 29, 1999, which do not meet the requirements as stated in this Request and its SFI will be considered unacceptable, rates will not be included in the data base, and the firm will be notified of the deficiencies by GSA's Southeast Zone Office by facsimile and/or telephone. Corrected rate offers must be resubmitted within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of notification. In those instances where corrections are not received within the ten (10) calendar days after notification, rate offers will be considered unacceptable and the firm will not be allowed to refile. All corrected rate offers received within the required ten (10) calendar days will be entered into the data base effective December 1, 1999.

D. ACCEPTED/EFFECTIVE DATE: Initial rate offers allowable under Paragraph 1-3.A. will be processed by December 1, 1999, except in those instances of a failure to meet the resubmission requirements of corrected Rate Filing Deficiencies as identified in Paragraphs 1-3.B. and C.

E. CARRIER NOTIFICATIONS: If the submitting firm receives no communication from GSA pursuant to Paragraphs 1-3.B. and C. by December 1, 1999, the firm is on notice that its rate offer(s) has been accepted and transmitted to its designated Tariff Publishing Agent for publication or in the absence of a designated Tariff Publishing Agent, its rate file(s) has been offered to GSA's Office of Transportation Audits.

SECTION 6 IDENTIFICATION OF TRAFFIC

6-1. IDENTIFICATION OF TRAFFIC: Identified below is a description of Destination Services Areas for which rate offers are being requested for the Southwest Distribution Center (SWDC). A firm is not required to offer rates to each of the identified Destination Service Areas. Offers received which contain origins/destinations not identified below will be found unacceptable. An offering firm must be able to service all points within all States identified within a Destination Service Area Description.

As the Destination Service Areas have not changed, please refer to the original Paragraph 6-1 of the August 11, 1999, RFO for the Destination Service Area Table.

Please Note: Delivery timeframes from the SWDC to CONUS for Minimum Charge, LTL, and TL shipments:

Number of Miles	Delivery Day
1 – 1,000 miles	Third Business Day
1,001 – 2,000 miles	Fourth Business Day
2,001 miles and over	Fifth Business Day

****NOTE:** The day of pickup **does not** count in computing delivery commitment times. However, in some instances the carrier shall be required to make “local” same day deliveries.

ENCLOSURE 2

AGREEMENT TO RETAIN THOSE RATE OFFERS SUBMITTED BY THE ORIGINAL
SEPTEMBER 10, 1999 DEADLINE FOR THE SWDC

By signing and dating below, my firm agrees to the terms and conditions of the original Request for Offers (RFO) for the Southwest Distribution Center (SWDC) dated August 11, 1999, and the supplement to the RFO dated October 1, 1999. Furthermore, my company gives GSA the authority to accept our SWDC rate offers submitted by the September 10, 1999, deadline without change and have them become effective December 1, 1999, as opposed to November 1, 1999.

Carrier Name: _____

SCAC: _____

Rate Offer Number(s) Submitted by September 10, 1999
to Now Become Effective
December 1, 1999: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Once completed, please return this Enclosure 2 via facsimile to the attention of Robyn Bennett at (816) 823-3656. This completed Enclosure 2 MUST be received via facsimile by October 29, 1999, in order for your firm's submitted SWDC rate offer(s) to become effective December 1, 1999.

ENCLOSURE 3

CANCELLATION OF CURRENT SWDC RATE OFFERS

By signing and dating below, my firm gives the General Services Administration the authority to cancel the rate offers identified below, filed previously in accordance with the Request for Offers dated August 11, 1999, for the Southwest Distribution Center (SWDC). My firm chooses not to continue the rate offers identified below under the new terms of the supplement dated October 1, 1999, for the SWDC.

Carrier Name: _____

SCAC: _____

Rate Offer Number(s) Being Canceled: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Once completed, please return this Enclosure 3 via facsimile to the attention of Robyn Bennett at (816) 823-3656. This completed Enclosure 3 MUST be received via facsimile by October 29, 1999.